

to those on earth: for God took flesh in a union without commixture, and willingly took up the Cross by which He elevated the first man, and saved our souls from death.

SESSIONAL HYMNS (*Tone 2*)

The noble Joseph took down from the Tree Your spotless body and wrapped it in pure linen with spices, and laid it for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day, You arose, O Lord, and bestowed great mercy on the world!

v. Arise, O Lord my God; lift up Your mighty hand, and never forget Your poor.

The angel stood by the tomb and cried to the myrrhbearing women: "Myrrh is proper for the dead; but Christ has shown Himself free from corruption! Cry out then, 'The Lord is risen and has bestowed great mercy on the world!'"

v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and to the ages of ages. Amen.

O Virgin and all-glorious Theotokos, we sing to you a hymn of praise, for Hades has been destroyed by your Son's Cross, death has been put to death, and we the dead have been made to rise and become worthy of life. We have obtained Paradise, the original bliss! Wherefore, we glorify you by giving thanks to Christ our God, for He alone is almighty and all-merciful.

HYPACOI (*Tone 2*)

O Christ God, after Your Passion, the women came to Your tomb to embalm Your body. Arriving there, they were dazzled at the sight of the angels who declared to them: "The Lord is risen, bestowing great mercy upon the world!"

KONDAKION OF THE RESURRECTION (*Tone 2*)

Almighty Savior, You are risen from the tomb! At the sight of this miracle, Hades is filled with fear, the dead rise up, the whole creation rejoices with You, Adam exults, and the universe exalts You forever, O Savior!

IKOS

O Light of those in darkness, You are the Resurrection of all! You bring life to mankind, raising up the faithful with You. O Savior, You despoiled the Kingdom of Death! O Word, You shattered the gates of Hades! Mankind marvels at the sight of this wonder, and every creature rejoices in Your Resurrection. O Lover of Mankind, we all glorify and celebrate Your condescension; and the universe exalts You forever, O Savior!

SYNAXARION

On August 24, we commemorate the holy martyr Eutyches, the disciple of St. John the Theologian and of the holy Apostle Paul.

What honor was yours, O blessed Eutyches, when your name was inscribed on the list of divine honors. As a martyr in the arena, you rightly struggled; and on the twenty-fourth, the earth received you in peace.

By his holy prayers, O our God, take pity on us and save us. Amen.

EXAPOSTILARIA (*Tone 2*)

~After His divine Resurrection, the Lord asked Peter three times whether he loved Him, then established him as the shepherd of the sheep of His fold. Seeing him whom Jesus loved following them, he asked the Master: "And what of him?" And the Lord answered: "If I should want Him to remain until I come again, what is that to you, O Peter?"

~O awesome mystery! O strange wonder! Death has been trampled down by death! Who then would not praise Your divine Resurrection, O Word, and bow in worship before it? Who would not honor the Virgin Mother who gave You birth in the flesh? At her prayers, save us from the never-dying flames!

PRAISES (Tone 2)

Stichera of the Resurrection

8. Everything that has breath and all creation glorify You, O Lord, for You have destroyed Death by Your Cross. You manifested Your Resurrection from among the dead to the whole world, for You are the true Lover of Mankind!
7. Let the Pharisees explain how the soldiers lost the King over whom they stood watch! Let them tell why the stone could not hold back the Rock of Life! Let them either produce the body or worship the risen Lord with us and say: "O Savior who have filled us all with Your mercy, glory to You!"
6. Rejoice, O nations and be glad! An angel was seated on the stone that had once sealed the tomb, proclaiming Good News to us as he said: "Christ, the Savior of the world, has risen from the dead! His sweet scent has filled the universe! Rejoice, O nations and be glad!"
5. On the day of Your conception, Lord, an angel greeted the woman full of grace, saying, "Hail!" On the day of Your Resurrection, an angel rolls away the stone from Your glorious sepulcher. In place of sadness and death, the first angel brought us promises of joy, the second proclaimed the Lord as the Giver of Life! Thus we sing to You: "O Benefactor of all, glory to You!"

Stichera of Anatolios the Patriarch

4. The holy women sprinkled myrrh and tears upon Your tomb; then their mouths were filled with joy as they proclaimed: "The Lord has risen!"
3. O nations and peoples, sing praise to Christ our God, for He willed to suffer for our sake upon the Cross and to remain for three days in the tomb. Bow down in

worship before His Resurrection from the dead, which has brought light to all the ends of the earth."

2. O Christ, You willingly accepted crucifixion and the tomb. You triumphed over Death, rising in glory as our God and Savior, granting to the world eternal life and great mercy."
1. The unbelievers who sealed the tomb have provided us with an even greater wonder, as the guards know well. They should cry aloud, "Christ has risen from the tomb!" But they were told to say that, while they slept, the Disciples came and stole Him away. But who would ever steal a body, especially one disrobed? Truly, in His divine power, Christ is risen, leaving the seals unbroken and His burial shroud in the tomb. He has trampled down death, granting the human race eternal life and great mercy."
- v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

Doxastikon (Tone 8)

When You appeared to Your Disciples after Your Resurrection, O Savior, You charged Peter to care for Your sheep as a reward for His love, and You told him to pasture them with care. Thus You said to Him: "If you love Me, Simon, be the shepherd of My lambs, be the pastor of My sheep!" Then Peter asked You about the other Disciple, the beloved. By their prayers, O Lord, save Your flock from the devouring wolves!

- now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion

You are truly most blessed, O Virgin Mother of God: through the One who was incarnate of you, Hades was chained, Adam revived, the curse wiped out, Eve set free, Death put to death, and we ourselves were brought back to life. That is why we cry out in praise: "Blessed

are You, O Christ our God, who find in this Your good pleasure: glory to You!"